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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, EG
SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN CONCERN OVER SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN ETHIOPIA

REF: (A) ETHIOPIAN SECTION OF SADAT/EILTS MEMCON OF
JAN 9, 1977, (B) CAIRO 0873

1. WHEN WITH FAHMY YESTERDAY, HE ASKED IF I HAD YET
BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN THE ASSESSMENT OF US POLICY RE
ETHIOPIA THAT SADAT AND HE HAD EARLIER REQUESTED
(REF MESSAGES). I TOLD HIM THAT DEPT WAS WORKING ON
SUCH AN ASSESSMENT AND THAT I HOPED TO BE ABLE TO
PROVIDEX SHORTLY.

2. COMMENT: GIVEN CURRENT STRAINED SUDANESE/ETHIOPIAN
RELATIONS AND SADAT'S SUSPICION OF LIBYAN/ETHIOPIAN
COLLUSION AGAINST NUMEIRI GOVERNMENT, THE PRESIDENT
IS VERY EXERCISED ABOUT APPARENTLY CONTINUING ETHIOPIAN
SUPPORT FOR THE ANSAR EXILES. AS YOU KNOW, THERE IS
TALK OF A SUDANESE PREEMPTIVE STRIKE, WITH
EGYPTIAN AIR SUPPORT, AGAINST THE ANSAR BASES IN
ETHIOPIA. IF FAHMY IS TO BE BELIEVED, ONE OF SADAT'S
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RELATED CONCERNS IS THE FACT THAT WE CONTINUE TO
PROVIDE LARGE QUANTITY OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION TO THE
ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT AND THAT SOME OF THIS WEAPONRY
MAY BE BEING TURNED OVER TO THE ANSARS.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING YOU MAY BE ABLE TO DO TO
EXPEDITE THE REQUESTED ASSESSMENT.

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